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## BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

KS State Board of Healing Arts

In the Matter of	)	
	)	Docket No. 07-HA- 00087
Stephannie Gilkey-Stumpff, D.C.	)	
Kansas License 01-04759	)	

## CONSENT ORDER

COMES NOW, the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, ("Board"), by and through Diane L. Bellquist, Associate Counsel ("Petitioner"), and Stephannie Gilkey-Stumpff, D.C. ("Licensee"), pro se, and move the Board for approval of a Consent Order affecting Licensee's license to practice chiropractic in the State of Kansas. The parties stipulate and agree to the following:

- Licensee's last known mailing address to the Board is: 412 Pennsylvania, Holton, Kansas
   66436.
- Licensee is or has been entitled to engage in the practice of chiropractic in the State of
  Kansas, having been issued License No. 01-04759 on approximately December 8, 2001.
   Licensee's license is active.
- 3. The Board is the sole and exclusive administrative agency in the State of Kansas authorized to regulate the practice of the healing arts, specifically the practice of chiropractic. K.S.A. 65-2801 et seq. and K.S.A. 65-2869.
- 4. This Consent Order and the filing of such document are in accordance with applicable law and the Board has jurisdiction to enter into the Consent Order as provided by K.S.A. 65-2838. Upon approval, these stipulations shall constitute the findings of the Board, and this Consent Order shall constitute the Board's Final Order.

- 5. The Kansas Healing Arts Act is constitutional on its face and as applied in the case.
- 6. Licensee agrees that, in considering this matter, the Board is not acting beyond its jurisdiction as provided by law.
- 7. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives her right to a hearing. Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives her right to present a defense by oral testimony and documentary evidence, to submit rebuttal evidence, and to conduct cross-examination of witnesses.

  Licensee voluntarily and knowingly agrees to waive all possible substantive and procedural motions and defenses that could be raised if an administrative hearing were held.
- 8. The terms and conditions of the Consent Order are entered into between the undersigned parties and are submitted for the purpose of allowing these terms and conditions to become an Order of the Board. This Consent Order shall not be binding on the Board until an authorized signature is affixed at the end of this document. Licensee specifically acknowledges that counsel for the Board is not authorized to sign this Consent Order on behalf of the Board.
- Licensee admits that in or about July 2006, she advertised on a local radio station regarding her DRX9000 decompression treatment.
- 10. Licensee advertised that the DRX9000 decompression therapy "...will help you rid your back pain before you know it." Such statement is false and/or misleading as it implicitly guarantees to rid the prospective patient's back pain.
- 11. Licensee also advertised, "...you need the DRX9000." Such statement is false and/or misleading because Licensee does not know whether the DRX9000 is indicated for the prospective patient.

- 12. Licensee advertised as follows: "Dr. S.G. Stumpff only practitioner in the Topeka region with this type of technology." Such statement is false and/or misleading.
- 13. Another one of Licensee's radio advertisements was unprofessional and/or dishonorable by its design and manner of advertising, including but not limited to, the phrase "you can't handle the truth!"
- 14. Licensee admits that she failed to designate which branch of the healing arts she was licensed to practice in both the aforementioned radio advertisements.
- 15. Licensee further waives her right to dispute or otherwise contest the allegations contained in the above paragraphs in any further proceeding before this Board.
- 16. Licensee violated the Healing Arts Act, K.S.A. 65-2836(d), using fraudulent or false advertisements.
- 17. Licensee violated the Healing Arts Act, K.S.A. 65-2873(e), no person licensed to practice and actively engaged in the practice of the healing arts shall attach to such person's name any title, or any word or abbreviation indicating that such person is a doctor of any branch of the healing arts other than the branch of the healing arts in which such person holds a license but shall attach to such person's name the degree or degrees to which such person is entitled by reason of such person's diploma.
- 18. Licensee violated the Healing Arts Act, K.S.A. 65-2836(b), by committing unprofessional and/or dishonorable conduct.
- 19. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2836 and K.S.A. 65-2863a, the Board has grounds to fine Licensee's license.
- 20. According to K.S.A.65-2838(b), the Board has the authority to enter into this Consent Order without the necessity of proceeding to a formal hearing.

- 21. In lieu of conducting a formal proceeding, Licensee, by signature affixed to this Consent Order, hereby voluntarily agrees to the following disciplinary action against her license to engage in the practice of chiropractic:
  - a. Licensee is hereby **FINED** one-thousand dollars (\$1,000). Such fine is payable to the "Kansas Board of Healing Arts." Payment in full is due on or before the 15th day of May, 2007;
  - b. Licensee shall refrain from advertising in an unprofessional and/or dishonorable manner in all future advertisements;
  - c. Licensee shall designate which branch of the healing arts she is licensed to practice in all future advertisements; and
  - d. Licensee shall follow all the applicable statutes, rules and regulations regarding advertising professional services.
- 22. Licensee's failure to comply with the provisions of the Consent Order may result in the Board taking further disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate according to the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act and Kansas Healing Arts Act.
- 23. Nothing in this Consent Order shall be construed to deny the Board jurisdiction to investigate alleged violations of the Healing Arts Act, or to investigate complaints received under the Risk Management Law, K.S.A. 64-4921 et seq., that are known or unknown and are not covered under this Consent Order, or to initiate formal proceedings based upon known or unknown allegations of violations of the Healing Arts Act.
- 24. Licensee hereby releases the Board, its individual members (in their official and personal capacity), attorneys, employees and agents, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Releasees", from any and all claims, including but not limited to those alleged damages,

actions, liabilities, both administrative and civil, including the Kansas Act for Judicial Review and Civil Enforcement of Agency Actions, K.S.A. 77-601 et seq. arising out of the investigation and acts leading to the execution of this Consent Order. This release shall forever discharge the Releasees of any and all claims or demands of every kind and nature that Licensee has claimed to have had at the time of this release or might have had, either known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, and Licensee shall not commence to prosecute, cause or permit to be prosecuted, any action or proceeding of any description against the Releasees.

- 25. Licensee further understands and agrees that upon signature by Licensee, this document shall be deemed a public record and shall be reported to CIN-BAD and any other reporting entities authorized to receive disclosure of the Consent Order.
- 26. This Consent Order, when signed by both parties, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may only be modified or amended by a subsequent document executed in the same manner by the parties.
- 27. Licensee agrees that all information maintained by the Board pertaining to the nature and result of any complaint and/or investigation may be fully disclosed to and considered by the Board in conjunction with the presentation of any offer of settlement, even if Licensee is not present. Licensee further acknowledges that the Board may conduct further inquiry as it deems necessary before the complete or partial acceptance or rejection of any offer of settlement.
- 28. Licensee, by signature to this document, waives any objection to the participation of General Counsel or the Board members, including the Disciplinary Panel, in the consideration of this offer of settlement. Licensee further agrees not to seek the

disqualification or recusal of any Board member, or General Counsel, in any future proceedings on the basis that the Board member, or General Counsel, has received investigative information from any source which otherwise may not be admissible or admitted as evidence.

- 29. Licensee acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and fully understands the contents. Licensee acknowledges that this Consent Order has been entered into freely and voluntarily.
- 30. All correspondence or communication between Licensee and the Board relating to the Consent Order shall be by certified mail addressed to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, Attn: Complaint Coordinator, 235 S. Topeka Blvd., Topeka, Kansas 66603-3068.
- 31. Licensee shall obey all federal, state and local laws and rules governing the practice of chiropractic in the State of Kansas that may be in place at the time of execution of the Consent Order or may become effective subsequent to the execution of this document.
- 32. Upon execution of this Consent Order by affixing a Board authorized signature below, the provisions of this Consent Order shall become an Order under K.S.A. 65-2838. This Consent Order shall constitute the Board's Order when filed with the office of the Executive Director for the Board and no further Order is required.
- 33. The Board may consider all aspects of this Consent Order in any future matter regarding Licensee.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Consent Order and agreement of the parties contained herein is adopted by the Board as findings of fact and conclusions of law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

- a. Licensee is hereby FINED one-thousand dollars (\$1,000). Such fine is payable to the "Kansas Board of Healing Arts." Payment in full is due on or before the 15th day of May, 2007;
- b. Licensee shall refrain from advertising in an unprofessional and/or dishonorable manner in all future advertisements;
- c. Licensee shall designate which branch of the healing arts she is licensed to practice in all future advertisements; and
- d. Licensee shall follow all the applicable statutes, rules and regulations regarding advertising professional services.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this 23d day of April 2007.

FOR THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS:

April 23, 2007

Lawrence T. Buening, Jr

**Executive Director** 

Date

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Date

## PREPARED AND APPROVED BY:

Diane L. Bellquist

Associate Counsel

Kansas Board of Healing Arts 235 S. Topeka Boulevard Topeka, Kansas 66603-3068

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the Consent Order by United States mail, postage prepaid, on this day of April 2007, to the following:

Stephannie Gilkey-Stumpff, D.C. 412 Pennsylvania Holton, Kansas 66436

and the original was hand-filed with:

Lawrence T. Buening, Jr. Executive Director Kansas Board of Healing Arts 235 S. Topeka Boulevard Topeka, Kansas 66603-3068

and a copy was hand-delivered to:

Diane L. Bellquist #20969 Associate Counsel Kansas Board of Healing Arts 235 S. Topeka Boulevard Topeka, Kansas 66603-3068

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